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POUND, VA., OCT. 28 (AP)-FRIENDS AND RELATIVES GREETED FRANCIS
POWERS TODAY AS THE FORMER 12 PILOT BROUGHT HIS NEW BRIDE
HOME TO MEET THE FOLKS.

POWERS, 34, AND THE FORMER CLAUDIA EDWARDS DOWNEY, 26,
WERE MARRIED SATURDAY IN CATLETT, VA. IT WAS THE SECOND MARRIAGE
FOR EACH.

POWERS, IMPRISONED BY THE RUSSIANS FOR TWO YEARS AFTER HIS PLANE
WAS SHOT DOWN, AND HIS BRIDE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HER SIX-YEAR-OLD
DAUGHTER BY ANOTHER MARRIAGE. THEY ARRIVED IN POUND IN MOUNTAINOUS
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA EARLY THIS AFTERNOON AFTER DRIVING FROM ROANOKE,
VA., WHERE THEY SPENT SUNDAY NIGHT.

OLIVER POWERS, WHOSE HOME IS ON A RURAL ROAD ABOUT FIVE
MILES FROM THIS WISE COUNTY COMMUNITY, SAID HIS SON AND NEW
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW "PROBABLY WILL STAY UNTIL THURSDAY."

POWERS INDICATED THEY WOULD RETURN TO WASHINGTON THE LATTER
PART OF THE WEEK. "FROM THERE WE'LL GO BACK TO THE (WEST) COAST
BECAUSE I HAVE TO BE BACK ON THE JOB NEXT WEEK," HE SAID.

HE IS EMPLOYED AS A TEST PILOT BY LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP.
OF BURBANK, CALIF.

THE NEW MRS. POWERS, A FORMER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
PSYCHOLOGIST, SAID SHE LEFT HER JOB LAST WEEK AND "ONLY PLANS TO
COOK FROM NOW ON."

MORE THAN A DOZEN PERSONS CROWDED INTO THE SMALL FRAME HOUSE
MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING TO CONGRATULATE THE BRIDE AND GROOM.

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